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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CUBAN CHARGE

(S/10993, 12 SEPT '73) TO PRESIDENT OF SC REPORTED REFTEL:

LETTER DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1973 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRS AD INTERIM
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION TO CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA HAS INSTRUCTED ME
TO DELIVER TO YOU, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THE FOLLOWING NOTE
FROM THE ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CUBA:

"SIR,

"IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERN-
MENT OF CUBA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING
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FACTS, WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE OF EXGREME GRAVITY:

"ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1973 SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF CHILE AGAINST THE PREMISES OF THE EMBASSY OF CUBA TO THAT COUNTRY.

"SOME HOURS LATER, AT 3.30P.M., ADMIRAL CARVAJAL, ALLEGING THAT SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY AT THE FORCES SURROUNDING IT, CALLED THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR, THREATENING TO LAUNCH A VIGOROUS ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY. SINCE THEN, SPORADIC FIRING AGAINST THE CUBAN MISSION IN SANTIAGO, CHILE, HAS CONTINUED, RESULTING IN THE WOUNDING OF THE CUBAN DIPLOMAT LUIS FARIAS, AND OUR MISSION IS SURROUNDED BY MILITARY UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF CHILE.

"SINCE 6 P.M. THE CUBAN MERCHANT VESSEL PLAYA LARGA, SAILING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AFTER UNLOADING SUGAR AT THE PORT OF VALPARAISO, HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF ATTACKS BY AIRCRAFT OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE AND BY VESSLES OF THE CHILEAN NAVY.

"AT 1.10 A.M. ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1973 THE CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL PLAYA LARGA REPORTED THAT THERE WERE THREE VERY SERIOUS LEAKS IN THE BOW AND THAT SEVERAL CHILEAN WARSHIPS, AMONG WHICH THE DESTROYER BLANCO ENCALADA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, WERE SUBJECTING IT TO CONTINUAL HARASSMENT.

"FUTHERMORE, DR. ROLANDO PUENTEFERRO AND DR. GONZALO CURRAS LOPEZ, CUBAN HOLDERS OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FELLOWSHIPS AT THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF SANTIAGO, CHILE, WERE DETAINED BY THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY OF CUBA WHEN THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE EMBASSY, AND THEY ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT FIRST TO THE MIGUEL CLARO POLICE STATION AND LATER TO THE TACNA REGIMENT.

"IN DENOUNCING THESE ACTS, WHICH CONSTITUTE GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PARAMOUNT NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, PARTICULARLY THE 1961 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL RULES OF NAVIGATION RECOGNIZED BY STATES, AND WHICH ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE REVOLU-

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TIONARY GOVERNMENT OF CUBA REQUESTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO OBSERVE THE COURSE OF THESE SERIOUS EVENTS AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE INTERVENTION OF THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 34 AND 35 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

"I REQUEST YOU TO ARRANGE FOR THIS NOTE TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO YOU THE ASSURANCES
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

"(SIGNED) DR. RENE ANILLO CAPOTE

ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS"

THE ABOVE IS THE TEXT OF THE NOTED RECEIVED FROM THE ACTING
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CUBA.

(SIGNED) TEOFILLO ACOSTA

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.

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